

TOWN OF CHATHAM
488 State Route 295
Chatham, New York 12037

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2019
6:00 PM

PRESENT

Supervisor Maria Lull, Councilmen Bob Balcom, Michael Richardson, Kevin Weldon, Budget Officer Tammy Shaw, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel
and other members of the community

ABSENT

Councilman John Wapner

Supervisor Lull called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

The Chatham Town Board appreciates information received from the public during the Public Comment portion of each meeting, which often is very helpful in the governance of the Town. It is, however, not intended to be a debate with the public or a question and answer period. Issues raised during the public comment may be addressed by the Board during its regular meeting or by the Supervisor between meetings as necessary. As a courtesy to the other members of the public, there is a 5 minute per person limitation on oral comments for each public comment period. The public is also encouraged to provide the Board with written comments or materials when the subject matter cannot be presented in this time frame. Of course, while the Board discourages any remarks which may be considered defamatory or stigmatizing, it will not restrict the content of the public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Marie Little, NYS Town Clerk's Association regarding Town Clerk, Beth Anne Ripple's Certified Municipal Clerk designation.
- Letter from Columbia County Land Conservancy and their recommendations in regards to the proposed zoning code.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Report by Councilman Wapner and Councilman Weldon regarding the Park & Recreation Committee. B&L is working on the Crellin Park Plan which should be completed by the end of the year.. Weldon spoke about the collaboration with PS21 on the trail system and the \$75,000 grant they applied for.

•Report by Councilman Richardson on the meeting of the Citizens Finance and Planning Committee.
They won't meet again until January 2020

•Report by Councilman Weldon and Councilman Balcom on Climate Smart Community Committee.
Weldon reported that the Village, after a year and a half, has finally approved the sign for the EVCS in the municipal parking lot.

DEC has announced several forestry grants which could be useful in the Park.

The group is beginning work on public outreach on Community Solar.

Angus Eaton is the newest member of the Climate Smart Committee.

Their next meeting is October 28.

•Report by Councilman Michael Richardson on Economic Stabilization Committee. No report

•Report by Councilman Weldon on Communications Committee.

The Google Home Hub was hooked up to the internet by County MIS and is awaiting final installation by web administrator, Jesse Ortiz.

Weldon asked the Board if they wanted each of the Town committees to post their meeting notes/minutes on the website. It is strongly encouraged although it is not required.

•Report by Councilman Bob Balcom on zoning updates.

Balcom has become frustrated with the NYS portal as he has been trying to enter information on the highway garage heating system grant

REPORTS – reports on file

- Highway Department
- Assessor
- Code Enforcement/Building Inspector
- Dog Control
- Environmental Management Council
- Finance Department Report
- Justice Court
- Office of the Aging Advisory Board
- Recreation Director
- Supervisor's Report
- Town Accounting firm – Monthly Financial Report & Abstract
- Town Attorney
- Town Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

•Discuss updates from 10/14/19 Q&A to Proposed Local Law 2 of 2019.

Balcom reported that the topics discussed at the October 14 Q and A have been addressed and the

recommendations were incorporated. They met with CLC regarding the letter they had submitted with recommendations for zoning changes. It was determined that the changes were land use in nature and would be dealt with in the next phase.

Questions

Questions #91-#108 were discussed and edits made to the Changes Table which will be posted on the website.

RESOLUTIONS

•**Resolution 177-2019** to accept the financial abstract as presented to pay the Town bills.

Offered by Balcom and seconded by Weldon.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted.

•**Resolution 178-2019** to accept the Town Account's financial Supervisor's Report of September 30, 2019. Offered by Richardson and seconded by Weldon

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted.

•**Resolution 179-2019** to approve the minutes of the Town Board Meeting(s) 8/26/19, 8/28/19, 9/6/19, 9/19/19 Special and TB meetings. Offered by Weldon and seconded by Balcom.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted.

•**Resolution 180-2019** to approve moving 2020 Budget from Tentative to Preliminary.

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board has reviewed and discussed the Tentative Budget for 2020, and WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board has considered the fire protection and EMS contracts between the Town of Chatham and the Chatham Fire Department, Niverville Fire Department, Tri-Village Fire Company, East Chatham Fire Company, Red Rock Fire Company and Chatham Rescue Squad and Valatie Rescue Squads, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board moves that the Tentative 2020 Budget be moved to the Preliminary 2020 Budget and directs the Town Clerk to post a Public Hearing Notice to be scheduled on November 7, 2019 for the purpose of accepting public comment on the 2020 Preliminary Budget and the fire protection and EMS contracts between the Town of Chatham and the Chatham Fire Department, Niverville Fire Department, Tri-Village Fire Company, East Chatham Fire Company, Red Rock Fire Company and Chatham Rescue Squad and Valatie Rescue Squads.

Offered by Richardson and seconded by Balcom.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted.

•**Resolution 181-2019** to approve purchase of desktop computer for Deputy Town Clerk.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham has a General Reserve Office Fund (A872) used for Town computers, with a balance of \$768.98, and WHEREAS, the Deputy Town Clerk is in need of a

desktop computer replacement, and WHEREAS, a price quote for a HP Pro Desk 400 G6 SFF PC Model 31666081 was obtained through Columbia County MIS for the sum of \$641.45 (NYS Aggregate Buy), and WHEREAS, an amendment of the 2019 budget requires an increase of line A1410.2 of six hundred forty one dollars and forty-five cents (\$641.45) to be funded by the General Reserve Office Fund (A872), and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2019 budget shall be so amended and the Supervisor is authorized to execute the proposed price quote with Columbia County MIS, for one new HP Pro Desk 400 G6 SFF PC Model 31666081 for the sum of \$641.45.

Offered by Lull and seconded by Balcom

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted.

•**Resolution 182-2019** to approve Crellin Community Park/PS21 Trail grant application.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the 2019 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program for a project entitled the Crellin Community Park/PS21 Trails to be located in the Town of Chatham, and WHEREAS, the grant application requires the applicant municipality to obtain the approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality or municipalities in which the project will be located; NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Chatham Town Board hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the 2019 Greenway Conservancy Small Grant Program, for a project known as Crellin Community Park/PS21 Trails and located within this community.

Offered by Weldon and seconded by Balcom

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted.

Resolution #183-19 to appoint Angus Eaton to the Climate Smart Committee.

Offered by Weldon and seconded by Balcom

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Richardson, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Abi Mesick asked about the Columbia Land Conservancy letter and what their recommendations were. She asked about changes made to the Table tonight and although they are non-substantial how many non-substantial changes will it take to make it substantial. Balcom stated that he had a call in to Patrice Perry at Columbia County Planning asking that same question. Mesick also asked if there was an update on the time-line for the proposed new zoning. There is no update.

Ted Miner is concerned about the East Chatham Bridge and the proposed traffic light. Balcom stated that a trip light will be installed meaning that the light will remain green on the route 295 side until a car trips it.

On a motion by Weldon, second by Balcom and carried the meeting adjourned at 6:55PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel, Town Clerk